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Joint Munitions Command Maintains Munitions Excellence through Personnel Readiness

As a world class provider of ammunitions logistics, the success of Joint Munitions Command relies on the talent and capabilities of our key resource; the people. JMC's Campaign Plan Line of Effort #3, "Soldiers and People," focuses on the acquisition and retention of the key skills necessary to enable a professional workforce ready to execute current and emerging mission needs. A major component in shaping a diverse, agile, adaptable and multi-skilled workforce is development and execution of an Individual Developmental Plan (IDP) for each of JMC's 6,000+ employees. An IDP is a tool that helps employees identify training and development needs, and set short and long-term career goals. The employee, in collaboration with their supervisor, develops the IDP. Supervisors and employees meet regularly to discuss professional strengths and opportunities for growth to shape the development, sustainment and retention of a multi-skilled and professional workforce fully supporting the JMC mission. JMC is revitalizing the IDP process through strategic initiatives and supervisor/employee engagement efforts.



Upcoming Dates

June 24-28: Quad Cities Navy Week

June 26: Suicide Prevention Guest Speaker Event, "Talk Saves Lives," Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 10 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

June 26: Workforce Wednesday, Lock & Dam Lounge, 3-7 p.m.

June 26: Quad Cities Navy Week Band Wind Ensemble, Schwiebert Riverfront Park, 6-8 p.m.

June 27: Newcomer's Orientation and Bus Tour, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

June 27: Thirst-day Thursday, Lock & Dam Lounge, 3-7 p.m.

June 27: Navy Night at Modern Woodmen Park, Burlington Bees vs. Quad Cities River Bandits, 6:35 p.m.

June 29: Rock Island Arsenal Commissary Healthy Pet Sale and Pet Show, RIA Commissary, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

June 29-30: Quad City Air Show featuring the United States Navy Blue Angels, Davenport Municipal Airport, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

July 1: Coffee Break, ACS, Bldg. 110, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

July 1: Brown Bag Lunch & Learn - Camp McClellan, Rock Island Arsenal Museum, 12 p.m.

July 3: Workforce Wednesday, Lock & Dam Lounge, 3-7 p.m.

July 3: Boom on the Rock, Quarters One, 5-10 p.m.

July 5: Advanced Résumé Class, ACS, Bldg. 110, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The headquarters, JMC Personnel Development and Policy Division (G1) implemented several measures to improve the effectiveness of the IDP process. (More: www.army.mil/article/223441)

RIA-JMTC, AM General Solidify Ambulance P3 Partnership with Ceremony

The Rock Island Arsenal-Joint Manufacturing & Technology Center held an Ambulance ceremony to signify a newly signed Public-Private Partnership or P3 with AM General for production of the M997A3 Ambulance, at Rock Island Arsenal, June 14. The ceremony marked the continuation of the partnership between RIA-JMTC and AM General with speakers including Sen. Dick Durbin, D-IL; Maj. Gen. Daniel G. Mitchell, commanding general, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command; Col. Martin J. "Jimmy" Hendrix III, commander, RIA-JMTC; Andy Hove, president and CEO, AM General and Paul Rumler, president and CEO, Quad Cities



Chamber of Commerce. "I believe in the men and women who work in this arsenal and what we're here today to talk about is the next chapter, moving forward from here and the good news is we're going to be part of the future of this effort," said Durbin. The first M997A3 Ambulance was manufactured and assembled at RIA-JMTC in 2011. Full Rate Production began in 2014. National Guard and Reserve Soldiers in 21 states and various overseas locations have received these ambulances. "Thanks to this partnership with AM General we are now able to continue producing these all important ambulances for active duty Soldiers out there in the field," said Hendrix. (More: www.army.mil/article/223423)

Rock Island Arsenal Takes On Key Role in July 3 Red, White And Boom

For the second time in its 15-year history, the Rock Island Arsenal will play a key role in Red, White and Boom! – the bi-state Independence Day celebration Wednesday, July 3. "There will be a lot of activities for the whole family to be able to enjoy, at three different locations – here at Schwiebert Park, Modern Woodmen Park, and at Quarters One on the Arsenal Island. Great viewing spots," Rock Island Mayor Mike Thoms said Wednesday. Due to this spring's record Mississippi River flooding, the Red, White and Boom! fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. will be fired from Arsenal Island, and activities will start at 5 p.m. outside Quarters



One. "It's the only bi-state, bi-city fireworks celebration for Independence Day throughout the country. It's a very important day for all of us," said Ken Croken, event committee chair. This year, the display will feature 4,000 pounds of explosives provided by Chicago-based Melrose Pyrotechnics, which has clients around the world, he said. Instead of shooting fireworks from river barges, the Arsenal base allows them to "shoot larger shells higher in the sky," Croken said. "While we will not have the visual effect of two locations, we will more than compensate for that by having fireworks higher in the sky and more spectacular than ever." "We were struggling for a while, wondering where in hell we'd put this show on," he said. "So we turned to our good friends at Rock Island Arsenal, as we did once before in 2014, and again, demonstrating their commitment to our community, they stepped forward and said we'd really love to be part of this." In 2014, river levels were high that year, and the fireworks were shot from the western end of the island, as well as similar family activities, Croken said. "We are very proud to be able to host this year's fireworks display," said Col. Stephen Marr, Arsenal Garrison commander. It's such a privilege to be a contributing member to the great Quad-Cities communities and everything we have here. We certainly appreciate the support we receive every single day from everyone around us on both sides

of the river.” (More: https://qctimes.com/news/local/rock-island-arsenal-takes-on-key-role-in-july-red/article_66e031f4-2d4e-5f54-b6fb-457461708f67.html)

Rock Island and Keokuk National Cemeteries to Receive Urns Made By Participants in the 2019 Weekend With Wood Charity Build

Representatives from the Rock Island National Cemetery, and the Keokuk National Cemetery will be at Meredith Corporation in Des Moines on **Wednesday, June 26**, at 11 a.m. to receive a donation of 120 hand-crafted urns that will be used to hold the cremains of veterans who died without funds to pay for containment. The urns were built by volunteer builders at the 2019 Weekend with WOOD Charity Build. “We are honored to present these urns to the Rock Island and Keokuk national cemeteries,” said WOOD Editorial Content Chief, Dave Campbell. “There is nothing more rewarding as woodworkers than to use our skills to create something that will make a difference in someone’s life, especially someone who dedicates his or her life to serving our country.” Nearly 200 builders constructed the urns, which bear laser-engraved emblems of the branches of the United States Armed Forces. “It is an incredible opportunity and a great honor to partner with this year’s Weekend with WOOD Charity Build,” said Sue Nan Jehlen, Director, Rock Island National Cemetery Complex and Keokuk National Cemetery. “These urns will provide a value to the veterans we serve that simply cannot be overstated. As costs continue to rise, we are seeing an increasing number of veterans who are unable to afford burial services. To be able to provide them and their families with a beautiful handmade urn to house their remains is a wonderful benefit that affords them the respect they so deserve.” The 2019 Charity Build was the fourth annual event of its kind during the Weekend with WOOD conference that took place May 16-19. The three-day event attracts woodworkers from all over the U.S. and Canada. The urns will be given to the Rock Island and Keokuk national cemeteries in the parking ramp on the south side of the Meredith campus off of 16th Street.



Virtual Program Adds 'Elite' Dimensions to SHARP Training

While training students for the Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program, Army leaders found the course didn't capture all the intricacies of responding to incidents. So, they enlisted the help of the Army's academic research partner, the Institute for Creative Technologies at the University of Southern California along with the U.S. Army Soldier Center's Simulation and Training Technology Center in Orlando, Florida. Lying in the heart of a growing tech community, ICT researchers here developed the Emergent Leader Immersive Training Environment. The interactive training program, known as ELITE, features 13 scenarios that Soldiers could potentially face when dealing with reported incidents. Students will interact with a simulated member of an Army unit, played by a virtual actor, who had been involved in a simulated incident of sexual harassment or assault.



Army Tests Prototypes, Explores Technologies for Air, Missile Defense

The Army completed on Monday an almost three-month-long capabilities demonstration of prototype radars aimed at replacing the one currently used by Patriot missile units. The "sense-off" at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, tested three different prototypes of the Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Sensor, or LTAMDS. The radars tracked simulated incoming missiles and live aircraft scenarios as experts observed their capabilities. A board will convene to evaluate the data collected and the test results to select a single vendor for the LTAMDS contract by Sept. 30, said Terry Young, senior advisor to the director of the Air and Missile Defense Cross-Functional Team of Army Futures Command, Brig. Gen. Brian Gibson. "We're pleased with the conduct of the competition so far; many stellar Soldiers and civilians from varied organizations across our Army came together and worked very hard as a team to ensure a fair and thorough competition was conducted," Young said. He made three trips out to White Sands this spring to observe each of the three vendors' prototypes in action. (More: www.army.mil/article/223406)



New Tech, Accessibility to Improve Army Tactical Networks

The Army is rolling out a series of "massive changes" to its tactical network capabilities to provide operational units with expeditionary network systems that are more mobile, hardened, and easier to operate, officials said. Through 2028, the Army will initiate a bi-annual scheduled release of capability sets, all while making continuous enhancements to the network through the insertion of new technologies. At the same time, the Army will receive feedback from a series of Soldier-led capability experiments and evaluations to make informed network design decisions, said Col. Garth Winterle, Integrated Tactical Network experimentation lead for Capability Set 2021, or CS21. "From the [Program Executive Office Command, Control and Communications-Tactical] perspective, nothing is sacred --- to include programs of record," Winterle said. "It is time to take a hard look at ourselves, do the analysis, and find out where trades can be made." (More: www.army.mil/article/223507)



CAC Office Move

Effective June 20, the Rock Island Arsenal Common Access Card and Identification (CAC-ID) Office moved from our former office located in Building 102, first Floor to Building 56, first Floor. Please enter the main door located at the north entrance and follow the posted signs to the office. All other contact information and service hours remain unchanged. To make an appointment, go to: <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil>. CAC/ID card renewals may be completed up to 90 days prior to expiration. Walk-in customers are also welcome during our normal business hours. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to providing support to our service members, civilians, their families and the surrounding community.

Suicide Prevention Guest Speaker Event – "Talk Saves Lives"

Join us **Wednesday, June 26**, 10 a.m. - 11:30 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, for the suicide prevention guest speaker event, "Talk Saves Lives." The Installation Prevention Team/ Suicide Prevention Task Force (IPT/ SPTF) will be hosting this guest speaker event focusing on understanding and preventing suicide. Please join us on 26 June 2019 to hear Ms. Christina Malchodi who will present a general overview on the subject of suicide including the scope of the problem, key research findings and risk and protective factors. Resource tables will also be available at the event to increase awareness of on-post and local community helping resources. Note – with tenant organization approval, organization employees can get credit for annual Suicide Prevention training by attending this event. Register is TEDs using the following key words to search for the training – "2019 Garrison Suicide Prevention Training."



Quad Cities Navy Week Navy Band Wind Ensemble

Join us for Quad Cities Navy Week and a performance from the Navy Band Wind Ensemble on **Wednesday, June 26**, 6-8 p.m., at Schwiebert Riverfront Park in downtown Rock Island. Quad Cities Navy Week is a celebration of the United States Navy from June 24-28. Join us for a concert at Schwiebert Park as Navy Week brings its fun to Rock Island.

- Gates Open & Activities: 6 p.m.
- Big River Brass Band: 6:30-7 p.m.
- Navy Band Great Lakes: 7:15-8 p.m.



Enjoy a rousing concert by the talented Navy musicians from Navy Band Great Lakes, meet sailors from ships named for our region - USS Sioux City and USS The Sullivans, learn how to operate Navy robotics that can diffuse bombs, become a part of history with stories from sailors from the USS Constitution and more.

Blood Drives

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the room outside the CRD Room (in Bldg. 60), on **July 12 and 19**. If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to email shoegerl@mvrbc.org with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401, ext. 119.



Charlie Corpuscle says, "Donors who coming in to give blood at the Rock Island Arsenal will be able to claim one of our blue Heroes Are Our Type shirts. All donors may call 563-359-5401 or email shoegerl@mvrbc.org."

The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information: www.militaryblood.dod.mil.

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**Veterans Experience
Action Center**

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- VA National Cemetery Administration Memorial Benefits Services from community partners, including:
 - Information and referrals
 - Legal services
- Resilience and preparedness information
- And much more!

For more information call 2-1-1 or 563-355-9900.

Thank the SEALs "The Ride!"

Join Thank the SEALs **Saturday, July 20**, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., at the Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, as we celebrate our 5th year raising awareness and monies for our fallen and their families. Event kicks off at 9 a.m. with the playing of Taps followed by our guest speakers with kick stands up at 11 a.m. (times subject to change). The ride is very patriotic and we will have police and fire escorts as we travel to Mount Vernon where we will have stops at the DeWitt Memorial for a brief ceremony then onto Mechanicsville and Mount Vernon for a midway stop which will feature food and drinks provided by Lynch Ford. Our return will take us through small town America and will end at the TangledWood where there will be plenty of food and entertainment. We will be joined by five highly decorated SEALs, highly decorated Marine Recon warriors, and you the Patriots who have made this possible through your continued support as our mission continues – thank you!

Korean War Armistice 66th Anniversary Wreath Laying Ceremony

Korean War Veterans Association Quad Cities Chapter 168 will hold a ceremony to commemorate the 66th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day on **Saturday, July 27**, at 10 a.m., at the Memorial Walkway, at the Rock Island National Cemetery. The ceremony will include a wreath laying, rifle salute, and Taps. The Korean War, which began June 25, 1950, with the North Korean army's invasion of South Korea, officially ended July 27, 1953, a day now officially recognized as Armistice Day. The signing marked the end of the longest negotiated armistice in history: 158 meetings spread over two years and 17 days. Last year's presidential proclamation stated, "Today, we honor our Korean War Veterans for their immeasurable contributions to the cause of liberty. We also salute members of the armed forces, past and present, who have maintained an allied presence on the Korean Peninsula since the 1953 armistice. Their efforts to stave off aggression are worthy of our highest respect and gratitude."



RIA AUSA Chapter Event

RIA AUSA is holding a quarterly members' appreciation event on the first Thursday of April, August, and October, on **Aug. 1** and **Oct. 3**, in the cafeteria in Bldg. 60, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in conjunction with 'First Thursday.' It is RIA AUSA's way of thanking their current members and providing insights about the Army's professional association to others that may not be aware it exists. The event is free to all members and brats, chips, water, and dessert will be served.

Honor Flight of the Quad Cities

Honor Flights are free to veterans who served during a time of conflict (such as WWII, Korea and Vietnam). While there, veterans will get to see the monuments erected in their honor. The public is urged to attend the welcome home at the Quad City International Airport at 10 p.m. The next flights will be:

- **Thursday, Sept. 12**
- **Thursday, Oct. 31**

Honor Flight of the Quad Cities asks that you do not call, but wait for them to call you. Veterans are assigned slots in order of date that applications were received, with WWII and Korean veterans being given priority. For more information and photos, visit the web site at www.honorflightqc.org.

Saluting Branches V

The 5th annual Saluting Branches event will be held at Rock Island National Cemetery on **Wednesday, Sept. 18**. Arborists United for Veteran Remembrance is an opportunity for tree care professionals throughout the country to unite and do what we do best – provide exceptional tree care – to keep our veterans cemeteries safe, beautiful places for all those who visit. (More: www.salutingbranches.org/location/rock-island-national-cemetery)



Illowa Council BSA Rock Island Arsenal Heritage Camporee

Scouts in troops within the Boy Scouts of America Illowa Council – save the date for the Illowa Council BSA Rock Island Arsenal Heritage Camporee **Friday through Sunday, Sept 20-22**, on Arsenal Island. The Illowa Council and the Rock Island Arsenal invite Scouts BSA troops to camp on the Mississippi at Arsenal Island and participate in two days of fun, competition, reflection, and exploration. Activities being planned include touring of historic landmarks such as the Colonel Davenport House, the National Confederate Cemetery Memorial, visiting the Army Corps of Engineers Locks & Dam 15, the Clock Tower Building, and the Rock Island Arsenal Museum's 1,250 gun collection. Worship service will take place at the Rock Island National Cemetery. There will also be an overland navigation course featuring a "Scout Warrior" competition at the Arsenal's "Best Warrior" Soldier Skills Course. Do you have what it takes? Form patrols... practice teamwork... brush up on scout skills... dust off your compass... get physically fit... get ready for a beautiful location surrounded by history and an opportunity to meet our military service men and women. (More: www.facebook.com/events/609329586220177)



Emergency Leave Transfer Program to Assist Federal Employees Affected By November 2018 California Wildfires

If you are interested in donating annual leave, complete OPM Form 1638 and submit to the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Bldg. 104, no later than **Thursday, Oct. 17**. You must state on the 1638 which ELTP you are donating to. This initiative has been directed by the President. The POC is Jaime Slocum at 309-782-2430. (OPM Form 1638: https://archive.opm.gov/FORMS/PDF_FILL/opm1638.pdf)

Signature Series I: War Reflections

Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Veteran's day **Saturday, Oct. 26, 7:30-9:30 p.m.**, on Rock Island Arsenal in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, at the Quad City Symphony Orchestra, 327 N Brady St, in Davenport, with two works inspired by human experiences during the World Wars. Olivier Messiaen composed Quartet for the End of Time while a prisoner of War in German captivity. The piece was first performed at the camp outdoors in the rain by Messiaen's fellow prisoners. Brian Baxter's Ho sentito di una terra distante is a song cycle based on the diary of an Italian American soldier, Bernardino Bernardini, using lyrics from Marcella Mencotti's imaginary opera "His Military Life" to accompany the novel "Pro Patria." Tickets are \$25 for adults, and \$10 for students. The program will feature Naha Greenholtz, violin, Hannah Holman, cello, Daniel Won, clarinet, Marc Zyla, horn, Michael Cox, trombone, Julianna Han, piano, Jessica Usherwood, soprano, & Michael Hawes, baritone. This is presented in partnership with the Rock Island Arsenal and sponsored by WVIK, Quad Cities NPR. (More: www.facebook.com/events/453490242149598)



Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees — Contents of the Island Insight are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, or the Department of the Army. The views and opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Garrison or the Department of the Army. — **Urban Farmhouse Moline:** Stop in our Moline location and show your badge to receive 10% off your purchase during the month of July. 1206 4th Ave. inside the Element hotel; open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. **Antonella's II:** Offering a 20% discount to all military services active or reserves, seniors and their immediate families on all menu items (must have ID). We are located at 421 river drive, in Davenport. We take reservations for large parties, please call at 563-324-9512. Our hours are Mondays – Closed; Tuesday-Wednesday 4-9 p.m.; Thursday – 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 4-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.; and Sundays – 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. **QC Wellness Group:** Come in for discounted chiropractic care for you, and your family. This offer is valid to all active duty, reserves, and veterans. We are located at 2220 E 53rd Street in Davenport. Call us today to book your appointment at 563-355-3100, restrictions can apply. **Sundown Mountain Resort:** Offering a military discount of 30 percent off lift tickets and rentals. Valid for active duty, Reserve, National Guard, retired service members, and their immediate families; located at 16991 Asbury Road, Dubuque, Iowa. **Bayside Bistro:** Offering a 10 percent discount to active, retired, reserve and National Guard members and government civilians on all menu items. We're located in the Village of East Davenport, 1105 Christie Street, Davenport; open Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sunday; 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., Mondays (off). **R.I.A. Federal Credit Union:** Arsenal employees, get \$25 when you open up a new member checking and savings account at our branch in Bldg. 61. Active duty members and veterans, thanks to our partnership with Military Cost Cutters, you can get \$100 when you open a new member checking and savings account with us. Download the Military Cost Cutters app, show proof of military status, and you can get \$100 deposited into your account. **Level II Fitness:** The new state of the art gym located inside the new TBK Bank Sports Complex at 4850 BettPlex Drive, Bettendorf is offering a 30 percent discount to all Rock Island Arsenal employees on membership rates. Must show badge or paystub as proof of employment. **Golden Royal Barbershop:** We're offering \$2 off on haircuts just for military; our shop is located in Moline and 1318 4th Ave or call 309-524-4599. **Armored Gardens BBQ Restaurant:** We're offering a 10 percent discount on all food items, to all Rock Island Arsenal

employees with badge; great environment, great location, amazing food – located downtown Davenport (two blocks from the Arsenal Bridge) 315 Pershing Avenue. **Veterans Barber Shop and Salon:** We're offering a 20 percent discount for military families at the salon part of the Veterans Barber Shop and Salon at 113 E Main St., Geneseo, Illinois. **Huckleberry's Pizza & Calzones:** The Original Huckleberry's Great Pizza & Calzones, 223 18th Street, Rock Island, offers all active military personnel with an I.D. a 10 percent discount on their food purchases. Dine-in or carryout available Wednesday thru Friday for lunch and dinner and for dinner on Saturday evenings. **Infinity Salon & Spa:** Located at 220 W 3rd St. in Davenport, we offer 15 percent off services for military and the Arsenal Island workforce. We are a full service salon: hair, manicure, pedicures, massage, waxing, facials, for men, women, and children. Eligible personnel only need to show a military or work ID. **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off its services located at 2500 18th Street in Bettendorf. *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*

Arsenal Traffic/Construction

Closures for Parking in Lot 0L for Material Staging and Around Building 90 for Cornice Repair

Beginning on **Monday, June 10, through Friday, Oct. 4**, the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) will close parking in lot 0L for contract personnel to stage material and equipment in support of the Building 90 Cornice Repair project. DPW will also intermittently close parking, sidewalks and entrances around Building 90 for contract personnel to remove and replace the stone cornices and re-point the mortar joints. As the contractor moves around the building, the areas of work will be closed off. As work proceeds above doorways, access will be curtailed, exterior barricades will be placed and interior signage will be placed notifying occupants of Emergency Exit Only. Emergency Services will have access to doors at all times and in the case of an emergency, the contractor will cease operation to allow for safe passage of employees. The closures may be extended due to weather or other unforeseen issues.

Viaduct Work Affects RIA Gate Hours, Traffic

Effective April 22 through **Thursday, Aug. 1**, repair work will be done on the Rock Island viaduct. The viaduct will be closed nightly for repair work during the week from 8 p.m. until 5 a.m., Sunday night through Thursday night. The viaduct will be open for normal operations between 5 a.m. on Friday morning through 8 p.m. Sunday evening. The work includes removal and replacement of the parapet wall and street lighting. Both the Davenport and Rock Island gates will be opened at 4:30 a.m. each weekday morning for access from the Government Bridge. Traffic control measures will be placed at appropriate locations. Please use caution when traveling in or near the area.

Rock Island Viaduct Sidewalk Remains Closed to Pedestrians

"Sidewalk Closed" signs remain at either end of the Rock Island Viaduct sidewalk. These signs were placed because of the tripping hazard that the condition of the sidewalk presents. The suggested alternative route is using the American Discovery Trail and Pedestrian Bridge, which will

be the sole way for pedestrians to transit across the bridge as this summer's viaduct repairs will eliminate the sidewalks from the bridge entirely.



Building/Space Closures



Repair Road Drainage North Side of Building 230/Kingsbury Road

Effective May 20, the Directorate of Public Works began a project to repair the road drainage on the north side of Building 230/Kingsbury Road. The work includes the installation of new curb and gutter, storm sewer inlets and sidewalk. Traffic will be limited to one lane at times. Signage and barricades will be installed to denote the work area. The project is scheduled to be completed by **Friday, June 28**, dependent on the weather.

Repairs to Building 110 Northeast Entrance Steps

Effective May 1, the Directorate of Public Works began a project to repair the northeast entrance steps to Bldg. 110. The steps have been closed since last fall due to safety reasons. The project will include demolition of the current steps and installation of new steps and a handicap ramp. The project is scheduled to be completed by **Tuesday, July 9**, dependent on weather.

Parking, Sidewalk, and Building Entrance Closures in Support of Masonry Cleaning and Treating Project

Effective June 24 through **Wednesday, July 24**, the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) will be intermittently closing parking, sidewalks and entrances around building 131 for contract personnel to clean and treat the exterior stone. Approximately 20 parking spaces in Lot 1H will be closed from **July 8-12**. The three accessible spaces will be relocated to adjacent spaces as needed to maintain accessible parking throughout the project. One or two of the motorcycle parking spaces along Gillespie Street may also be affected. As the contractor moves around the building, the areas of work will be closed off. As work proceeds above doorways, access will be curtailed, exterior access will be taped off and interior signage will be placed notifying occupants to choose an alternate exit. Emergency Services will have access to doors at all times and in the case of an emergency, the contractor will cease operation to allow for safe egress of employees. Dates may change due to weather and other unforeseen circumstances.

Courtyard, Parking, Sidewalk, and Building Entrance Closures in Support of Stone Cleaning and Treating Project

Effective May 16 through **Friday, Oct. 18**, the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) is intermittently closing courtyards, street parking, sidewalks and entrances to the buildings for contract personnel to continue cleaning the exterior stone of Buildings 60-62, 64, 66-68 and 106. As the contractor moves around the buildings, the areas of work will be closed off. As work proceeds above doorways, access will be curtailed, exterior access will be taped off and interior signage will be placed notifying occupants of Emergency Exit Only. Emergency Services will have access to doors at all times and in the case of an emergency, the contractor will cease operation to allow for safe egress of employees.

- Treating schedule:
 - Buildings 66-68: June 6 - July 24

- Buildings 60-62: July 25 - Oct. 2
- Rain will dictate these schedules and dates may change.



Pilot Program Provides a New Option for Army Officers' Professional Military Education

Army field grade officers now have a new, shorter option for completing their Command and General Staff Officer Course phase two. "We are taking a portion of a course that is essentially planned for eight weekends over an eight month period, and we're compressing it down to four weekends in four months," said Lt. Col. Sean Truax, a CGSOC instructor assigned to the 10th Battalion Headquarters, 97th Training Brigade, 100th Training Division (Leader Development). Truax serves as the team leader for the CGSC phase two 4x4 class, a pilot program that started this year. He explained that, instead of eight weekend classes for phase two, he and his team of instructors teach the same amount of instruction in four, four-day weekends - Friday through Monday. Hence, the name 4x4. Sixteen Active Duty, Army Reserve, and National Guard majors with a range of military occupational specialties graduated the very first class of this new program, June 7-10. "Anytime you can get outside of your own bubble and learn from other people wearing this uniform who have had a completely different path to get to where they are in their careers is valuable to appreciate overall," said Maj. David Swan, a National Guardsman assigned to the 301st Troop Command, Tennessee National Guard. (More: www.army.mil/article/223569)

Active Duty Receive Free Admission to Quad City NightHawks Home Games

The Quad City NightHawks invite active duty military to attend their home games at the Charles D Lindberg Stadium with free admission at Augustana College in Rock Island. The Quad City NightHawks are an 11-man NFL-style football team and part of the seven-team Midwest Football Alliance with their season taking place during the spring and summer. Upcoming scheduled games include:

- **Saturday, July 6**: versus the Missouri Valley Pitbulls out of Saint Peters, Missouri, kickoff at 6 p.m.



The Quad City NightHawks will look to bounce back after a tough loss the weekend of May 25. QC enters the game with a record of 1-1 while MVP has a record of 3-1. Hope to see everyone there as the NightHawks battle to get another W. Gates will open at 5 p.m., kickoff will be at 6 p.m. For non-active duty admission is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 6-18.

2019 Walk-In Pet Vaccination Clinic

Join us and bring your pet for the 2019 Walk-In Pet Vaccination Clinic on **Tuesday, Aug. 6**, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., at the RIA Fire Station; this is a one-day event, cash/check only. Your pets must be registered with Great Lakes VTF to receive services. All military, military retirees, and dependents with valid ID are welcome. Questions/Preregister? Contact Great Lakes VTF at 847-688-5740 or greatlakesvtf@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook at Great Lakes VTF.

Active Duty Out Processing Levy Brief

Out Processing Levy Brief schedule – this briefing is designed to provide you with access to the information and resources you need to complete your permanent change of station move. Service members that are put on assignment will sign up for the next available briefing. Spouses are encouraged to attend with or without their sponsor and should bring a power of attorney in case specifics need be discussed or coordinated. Upcoming Levy Brief dates:

- **Aug. 8, Conf. Rm. 25, Bldg. 90**
- **Oct. 10, Conf. Rm. 12, Bldg. 90**

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

To register call MPD at 309-782-1526 or sign up in [TEDs](#) using keyword “Levy Brief.”

Blue Star Museums

Participating museums across the country offer free family admission for active duty military families from Armed Forces Day through Labor Day. Last year, over 680,000 military families visited Blue Star Museums. Our Chapter Directors plan special events and opportunities with museums from Alaska to Florida and points in between. We build things, create art, go on scavenger hunts and have fun together all summer long. (More: <https://bluestarfam.org/family-life/blue-star-museums>)



Safety Spotlight



**ARMY SAFE
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The top priority of the installation safety office is to safeguard and protect service members, their families, civilian employees and Army property as well as to create the safest workplace and living environment possible. Website:

<https://home.army.mil/ria/index.php/about/Garrison/safety-office>

RIA Spring/Summer Safety and Health Awareness Stand-Down

The Rock Island Arsenal has been producing readiness since 1862. It is the task of all who work here at RIA to ensure the safety of Soldiers, civilians, and their families. This is illustrated in our campaign plans and is an important part of ensuring a resilient, professional workforce, executing and promoting the RIA mission's.

As such, It is encouraged that you attend the RIA Spring/Summer Safety and Health Awareness Stand-Down hosted by the Joint Munitions Command, on **Friday, July 12, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**, at Building 60, in Heritage Hall. Opening remarks will be given by the Joint Munitions Command leadership promptly at 10:30 a.m. This event is open to all RIA tenants, unit service members and families, all DOD Civilians who have access to federal installations. There will be multiple safety and health booths sponsored by Joint Munitions Command Safety, Army Sustainment Command, USAG RIA, First Army, Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center, U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development, Army Contracting Command, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District park rangers, and many more. The safety stand down event will be hosting many diverse activities such as fire extinguisher training given by RIA Fire Dept. Selecting the proper personal protective equipment for motorcycles. River and boating safety,



prescription drug turn in, and a raffle for active duty and civilians. Winners of the raffle will receive an AAA emergency roadside kit. In efforts to continue to build upon and maintain our safe environment here at RIA. We have invited guests to join us from the outlying city municipalities, to include the Rock Island and Moline Fire Departments, and the Quad Cities National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. For additional details or information contact Andrew Witte at 309-782-2941.

Fireworks Injuries

Remember, fireworks can be dangerous, causing serious burn and eye injuries. You can help us prevent fireworks-related injuries and deaths. How? By working with a national, state or local organization where you live to promote fireworks safety in your community. Follow these safety tips when using fireworks:

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and that they could pose a danger to consumers.
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.
- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.

Upcoming Motorcycle Rider Training Dates

- Basic Rider Course (BRC): **Sept. 17-18**
 - Two days of (classroom & motorcycle range) rider instruction.
 - Training motorcycles are provided.
- Military Sport Bike Rider Course (MSBC) **Sept. 19**
 - One day of (classroom & motorcycle range) rider instruction
 - Bring your own sport motorcycle to the course.
 - Course is for sport bikes only.
 - No standard, touring or cruiser motorcycles bikes allowed.
 - Students must attend all sessions and pass a written and skills evaluation in order to receive credit for the course. Who can attend? Only active duty service members or any service member on orders (IDT, AT for guard/reserve).

PPE Requirements:

- Helmet: DOT approved helmet



- Eye protection: designed to meet or exceed ANSI Z87.1
- Protective clothing: long sleeve shirt or jacket, long sturdy pants
- Footwear: sturdy over the ankle footwear/boots
- Hand protection: full-fingered gloves made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material

Students taking the ERC or MSBC must provide the following at check-in:

- Military ID
- Valid motorcycle license or permit
- BRC Card
- Valid motorcycle registration
- Valid proof of motorcycle insurance

If using a borrowed motorcycle, you must bring a signed letter from the legal owner authorizing your use of the motorcycle. To register for a course:

- Go to <https://imc.army.mil/airs>
- Select "Northeast" from region dropdown menu
- Select "Rock Island Arsenal" from Garrison dropdown menu
- Select "Course Needed" from Courses dropdown menu
- Scroll to the correct month on the calendar to register for the course

The point of contact for the motorcycle training is Tony Kruse, Garrison Safety Office, 309-782-2314 or 1380; anthony.r.kruse.civ@army.mil.

Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



The Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) program formulates, directs, and sustains a comprehensive effort to maximize human potential to ensure fair treatment for military personnel, family members, and civilians without regard to race, color, gender, religion, or national origin, and provide an environment free of unlawful discrimination and offensive behavior. Garrison EEO office hours: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; 309-782-1488; Website:

<https://home.army.mil/ria/index.php/about/Garrison/equal-employment-opportunity-program>

There are no announcements at this time.

Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Army MWR is a quality-of-life program that directly supports readiness by providing a variety of community, Soldier, and family support programs, activities and services. Included in MWR are social, fitness, recreational, educational, and other programs and activities that enhance community life, foster Soldier and unit readiness, promote mental and physical fitness, and generally provide a working and living environment that attracts and retains quality for U.S. Army Soldiers, Family members, Retirees and its civilian workforce. Visit the

MWR website at <https://rockisland.armymwr.com> for information on all MWR programs. How is MWR doing? Tell us by going to <https://ice.disa.mil>, navigate to "Rock Island Arsenal" and search "MWR" for a full listing of all our programs and services.

Arsenal Island Clubhouse Closure

The [Arsenal Island Clubhouse](#) food, beverage, and entertainment services will end on **Friday, June 28**. This closure supports the upcoming transition to the Enhanced Use Lease, which will take affect later this year. Please continue to use the [Island Oasis Café & Grill](#) at Bldg. 67, open Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., and the [Lock & Dam Lounge](#) in Bldg. 60, open Wednesday and Thursday, 3-7 p.m., for your food, beverage, and entertainment needs.



Boom on the Rock

The Rock Island Arsenal invites the Quad Cities to come on post for Boom on the Rock on **Wednesday, July 3, 5-10 p.m.**, on the lawn of Historic Quarters One for a fun Independence Day celebration capped off with a great fireworks display over the Mississippi River. There will be a kid's activities zone which will include various bouncy house attractions and games and activities. Take a stroll through and see all the cool rides at the car cruise in or just set up your blanket and chairs in the shade and enjoy some tasty food and beverage that will be available for purchase.

To kick off the event we'll have WLLR, 103.7 FM's own Pat Leuck doing a live broadcast from the event from 5-7 p.m. As darkness falls, settle in to a comfy spot to watch the fireworks from what should be the premier viewing location in the Quad Cities. We'll be broadcasting 97X FM's playlist which is choreographed with the fireworks. This event is open to the public and you'll simply need to show a valid, state issued ID for everyone in the car 16 and older at the gate. Access to and egress from the Island will be available through both the Rock Island and Moline gates, but please consider using the Moline gate as it will present the easiest access to the event site. Directional signage will get you to the event parking areas. Please remember that you'll be entering a federal installation and our policies prohibit firearms, pets and glass bottles. Call 309-782-5890 for more info.



Island Oasis Café and Grill

The Island Oasis Café and Grill is outside. Our hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please come out and enjoy the weather in front of Building 67. Menu will include daily specials, like the Ribeye Sandwich on Thursdays. During inclement weather we will move back indoors for the day. Look forward to seeing you there! For more information please call 309-782-4372.

New Menu at the Lock & Dam Lounge

Have you been to the Lock & Dam Lounge in Bldg. 60 lately? If not you should definitely come give it another look as we have recently rolled out our new food menu. With fan favorites like our Arsenal Burger basket and mouthwatering, hand-cut rib eye steak sandwiches paired with a side of delicious fried pickles or onion rings there's sure to be something for everyone in the family to enjoy. While you're here make sure to try a pint of Arsenal Pale Ale as this is the only place you can get this great local craft brew. Also on tap are several craft beers from Lakefront Brewery and other

local brewers for \$4 from 4-6 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Check out the full menu on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/LockandDamLounge and make sure to like the page to stay up to date on all the great programs and events happening here. Please call Damen at 309-782-4372 for more info.

Workforce Wednesdays and Thirst-day Thursdays at the Lock & Dam Lounge

Stop in to the Lock and Dam Lounge on Wednesdays and Thursdays, open 3-7 p.m., and take advantage of \$2 domestics, \$4 craft beers, and \$1 sodas on special from 4-6 p.m. The Lock & Dam Lounge is the only place you can get Arsenal Pale Ale and Lock & Dam Lager so gather your friends and coworkers and come see us for a round after work. Call 309-782-4372 for more info.

Fitness Center Closure

The Fitness Center is closed on Sundays through Labor Day.

MWR Leisure Travel Office



We offer substantial discounts on tickets to local attractions, concerts, amusement parks and regional bus trips to exciting destinations. Check with us first for all your entertainment needs, we can save you money. **Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Bldg. 333. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., 309-782-5890. (email: anna.winters@us.army.mil) (website: <https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/leisure-travel-office>)**

Chicago White Sox vs. Chicago Cubs

Join us **Sunday, July 7**, to see the Chicago White Sox vs. Chicago Cubs at Guaranteed Rate Field; transportation and ticket for \$132 per person. Bus will be departing from Rock Island Arsenal Visitor Control Center, first parking lot on right. Departure time TBD. Game is at 1:10 p.m. No smoking permitted on the chartered bus. Alcohol is allowed, but no glass bottles. Coolers must be the size to fit under seats. No blocking of aisle with coolers. ½-hour stop to and from game. Sold out bus last year, so get your seats early. For more information contact the MWR Leisure Travel Office at 309-782-5890.

Circa 21 Presents: Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn

The Circa 21 Presents: Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn on **Saturday, July 13**, doors open at 5:45 p.m. Set in 1946, the story concerns song-and-dance team Jim Hardy and Ted Hanover splitting up when Jim decides to ditch show business and run a farm in rural Connecticut. The farm, which comes complete with a wisecracking, live-in handywoman, proves less than successful. The unexpected visit of Jim's old showbiz buddies inspires him to turn it into an inn open only on holidays, featuring lavish musical entertainments. Based on the classic film, this joyous musical features thrilling dance numbers, laugh out loud comedy and a parade of hit Irving Berlin songs. Discounted seats \$49.75 available until **Saturday, June 29**, at the MWR Leisure Travel Office.

Chicago Cubs vs. Washington Nationals Trip

Join us **Sunday, Aug. 25**, to see the Chicago Cubs vs. Washington Nationals at Wrigley Field; transportation and ticket for \$129 per person. Bus will be departing from Rock Island Arsenal

Visitor Control Center, first parking lot on right. Departure time TBD. Game is at 1:10 p.m. No smoking permitted on the chartered bus. Alcohol is allowed, but no glass bottles. Coolers must be the size to fit under seats. No blocking of aisle with coolers. ½-hour stop to and from game. Sold out bus last year, so get your seats early. For more information contact the MWR Leisure Travel Office at 309-782-5890.

Universal Orlando Military Salute Promotion

Universal Orlando is extending the special Military Salute Promotion offer valid for use through **Dec. 31**. Get four days for one low price:

- Ticket Option #1: 2-Park, 4-day Park-to-Park ticket (Universal Studios Florida and Islands of Adventure) Adult \$200, Child (3-9) \$196.
- Ticket Option #2: 3-Park, 4-Day Park-to-Park ticket (Universal Studios Florida, Islands of Adventure and Volcano Bay) Adult \$240, Child (3-9) \$235.75.

Limited blackout dates only for Volcano Bay on 3-Park promotional ticket option **June 14 – Aug. 18**. These tickets are available for use on any four days between now and **Dec. 31** (do not have to be used consecutive days) last day of use **Dec. 31**, when the ticket expires in full (includes all holidays) unused days will be forfeited maximum of six tickets per qualifying: Active or Retired U.S. military, National Guard, Reservists, U.S. Coast Guard, who possess a valid military photo ID, spouses of eligible service members and DOD civilians with valid ID.

Adventureland

Adventureland 2019 one-day admission tickets are on sale now! MWR Leisure Travel has discounted tickets for \$35. Adventureland Park has more than 100 rides, shows and attractions, including the new Monster steel roller coaster. Rides for all ages are available, from mild to wet-and-wild. Shows throughout the park feature a variety of family entertainment. Don't miss Iowa's newest water park, Adventure Bay. Water park admission is included with admission to Adventureland Park.

Movie Tickets

MWR Leisure Travel has discounted movie tickets. Davenport 53rd Cinema's movie ticket = \$9; Moline Great Escape movie ticket = \$9; Gift Pack \$27 (two tickets with \$10 concessionaire card)



Child & Youth Services



Child & Youth Services provides a full range of child care programs and services for children ages six weeks through senior year in high school. Services include full-day, part-day, hourly, pre-k, school outs, summer programming, sports and fitness, and instructional classes. All CYS programs/facilities will be closed all federal holidays, CYS CDC/CD Home/FCC staff in-service day and any other additional days/installation closures approved by the garrison commander. Fees will not be reduced, refunded, or prorated for these days. (Website: <https://rockisland.armymwr.com/categories/cys-services>) (Facebook: www.facebook.com/RIACYSS)

School Age & Youth Center Survey

Greetings from the School-Age/Youth Center! As we dive into our summer adventure, we can't help but think about the quickly approaching school year. Please take a moment to complete a brief survey (link below) regarding our Before and After School programs. Information from these surveys will be used to determine bussing and program usage for the 2019 school year. The last day to complete this survey will be Wednesday, June 26, by close of business. As always we appreciate your continued support of our School-Age and Youth Programs and we wish everyone a happy and safe summer! https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CYS_2019

Teen Resilience Program Canoe Trip

CYS and the Teen Resilience Program would like to invite your youth to our July teen canoeing trip. CYS registered teens grades 6-12 are welcome to join us on our canoeing trip down the Maquoketa River on **Saturday, July 13**, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$10 and youth must bring a water bottle and a sack lunch. We will meet at and return to the School Age Center, Bldg. 150 and be transported to the Maquoketa River via CYS bus. If your youth is interested in participating please call 309-782-6515 to register for the event. Youth must be registered with CYS and register for the event to participate. We hope your youth can join us!

Teen Resilience Program Back To School Bash

At the end of the summer CYS and the Teen Resilience Program we will be having a back to school bash and welcome to RIA party for teens. We are creating a teen council to plan this event and we would like to invite teens (grades 6-12) to participate. He/she will earn service learning hours and gain leadership, budgeting, marketing, event planning, and many other valuable skills as he/she assists us in planning this event. The planning committee will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays this summer at the school age center, beginning June 11. Please RSVP to 309-782-6515. Teens are not required to be at every meeting to participate. We hope to see your teen there!



Army Community Service



Army Community Service is an Army-wide community, social service program that provides services that assist Soldiers, Family members, and Department of the Army civilians maintain readiness, develop self-reliance, resiliency and stability. U.S. Army Installation Management Command provides these services through a network of programs that support goals related to recruitment, retention, morale, and operational readiness of the force. ACS on RIA is located in Bldg. 110, 1st floor SE; visit our ACS website

<https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/army-community-service> or phone 309-782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. Find us on Facebook click here: www.facebook.com/RIAACS. 24/7 Domestic Violence Crisis Line: **309-912-6089**.

Discovery Time Playgroup

Summer is here and it is time to get the kids out of the house. Join Discovery Time Playgroup on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for crafts, stories, field trips, and fun. The group is open to military dependents aged 0-5 and their caregivers and meets in Moline just off the installation at Community Christian Fellowship. There is no pre-registration required and all activities are free to

attend. For more information, please contact the Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program at 309-782-3049 or email Jennifer.a.kerr10.civ@mail.mil.

RIA Volunteer & AFTB Council Meeting

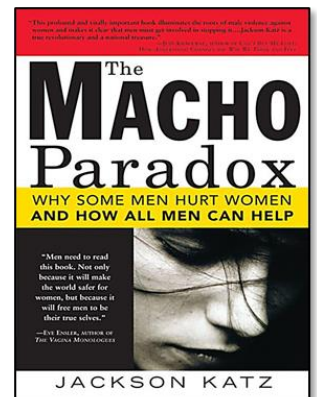
This meeting is designed to provide a platform for the installation to collaborate efforts, share information, and ideas, and discuss issues revolving around volunteering & Army Family Team Building. The meeting is held quarterly on the second Tuesday of the month. If you would like to attend an upcoming council meeting please contact ACS. Upcoming Council Meetings:

- **Tuesday, July 9**
- **Tuesday, Oct. 8**

The meetings will be held from 9-10 a.m. in the ACS Training Room, 1st Floor, in Bldg. 110. R.S.V.P. Required: to sign up contact ACS at 309-782-0829.

Gender Violence, Let's Talk About It: Family Advocacy Book Club

Interpersonal violence in our communities is persistent, unspoken and often unreported. In response, we as community members must do our part to support those experiencing assault and abuse while dismantling cultural norms that allow such actions to flourish. Join the Family Advocacy Book Club in reading Jackson Katz's "The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women and How All Men Can Help." The book provokes important conversations about our culture, the military and how you can help address gender violence. All are welcome and encouraged to participate in discussion on **July 9, 16, 23 and 30** from 11 a.m. - noon in the ACS office, in Bldg. 110. Check out Katz's TED talk, titled, "Jackson Katz: Violence against women – it's a men's issue" to learn more. For more information contact Theresa O'Keefe, victim advocate, at theresa.l.okeefe2.ctr@mail.mil or 309-782-3773.



ACS Relocation Program Offering Tours of RIA Factory

The Army Community Service Relocation Program is offering a tour of the RIA factory. We will learn about the history of the factory and its current capabilities. The tour has limited seating.

- **Thursday, Sept. 19**
 - 9-10:30 a.m.
 - RSVP by **Thursday, Sept. 12**

Eligibility is only open to military who are new to the area, civilians, and their families; family members of deployed service members, and families with foreign born family members. To R.S.V.P contact ACS at 309-782-0829.

MWR Outdoor Recreation Office



Outdoor Recreation is your one-stop rental shop for all your outdoor adventures, special events, home maintenance and repair. No matter the season, we have the equipment to get you out into the great outdoors. From skis and snowboards to campers and canoes, we have you covered. Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. – 4 p.m., Bldg. 333, Phone: 309-782-8630. (email: robert.l.lampert.naf@mail.mil), Website: <https://rockisland.armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-recreation>

Canoes and Kayaks

Paddling season is fast approaching. Outdoor Recreation has new kayaks and a trailer available for your use. Before you can sign them out the State of Illinois requires that you complete a boater safety class. To meet this requirement there is a free online course at <http://rentalboatsafety.com>. Simply view about 15 minutes of videos covering basic canoe/kayak operation and safety then take the quiz. We will need to keep a copy of your certificate of completion on file at Outdoor Recreation. We will need a copy for everyone in your group, to include children, who will be paddling these canoes and/or kayaks. For more information please call 309-782-8630.

Cargo Trailers

Are you moving your kids back from college or changing residence? To help make this move easier Outdoor Recreation has cargo trailers available for your use. Please call 309-782-8630 for more information or to make your reservation.

Special Event Equipment

Do you have a graduation party or other special event coming up? Outdoor Recreation has party canopies, tables, chairs, charcoal grills, backyard games and bounce houses to help ensure the success and fun of your event. Please call 309-782-8630 for more information or stop by Outdoor Recreation any time Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. and our staff will gladly show you all of the items available.

RIA FMWR RV Storage

Outdoor Recreation currently has spaces available in the On-Post RV storage lot. Please stop by the Outdoor Recreation office in Bldg. 333 (located next to the Exchange) to sign up for a space. For more information please call 307-782-8630.

Storage Units Available for Rent

Did you know that Outdoor Recreation has storage units that are available to rent right here on the Island? If you're in need of short or long term storage, we have the solution for you. Units measure 10' x 15' and are available for \$80/month, use it for as little or as long as you have a need to store items. For your convenience we also offer automated online billing. Call 309-782-8630 for more info and to reserve your space(s) today, these available units won't last long.

Employee Assistance Program



The ASAP/EAP is dedicated to excellence in providing a standard of care that enhances the quality of life for its clients and the workforce of Rock Island Arsenal. We believe that personal, family, and workplace problems can affect an employee's well-being and job performance. The ASAP/EAP promotes healthy lifestyles. Our most important asset is our employees and we are committed to providing professional counseling, educational assistance, and intervention services in an effort to promote wellness and improve the climate of the Rock Island Arsenal. ASAP/EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor; visit our ASAP/EAP website <https://home.army.mil/ria/index.php/my-fort/all-services/army-substance-abuse-program> or phone 309-782-4357 or 309-782-HELP. Office hours are from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After Hour Emergencies: 309-782-6116. Rock Island Arsenal Emergency Services will contact an EAP counselor who will call you back promptly. Find us on Facebook click here: www.facebook.com/pages/Rock-Island-Arsenal-EAP/124853580916835.

Prescription Drug Turn In

The Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) and RIA Law Enforcement are collecting unused, expired and un-wanted prescription medication for proper disposal on **Friday, July 12**, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Building 60. According to the Partnership for a Drug Free America, each day approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time. An increase in the abuse of prescription opioid medication has led to an increase in the use of heroin locally and nationwide. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends. In addition, there has been a drastic increase in the number of emergency room visits by children 5 and under due to poisoning from medications. To lower the risk of your medications being taken/stolen, we hope that you will consider turning your medication supplies in for proper disposal. For questions regarding the turn-in, please call the ASAP at 309-782-4357. If you miss the take-back event, a prescription drug drop box is also located in the RIA Medical Clinic, Building 110, basement, SE wing. We are unable to accept needles or syringes.



101 Critical Days of Summer Safety Campaign

101 Critical Days of Summer (Memorial Day through Labor Day) safety campaign is intended to remind us that we cannot afford to lose focus on safety either on or off duty. The summer season is a dangerous time of year for the Army with notable increases in off duty accidental fatalities. Festivals, road trips, swimming, fishing, hiking, boating, camping, and motorcycle riding are common outdoor activities during the summer. Intense planning often goes into making these outdoor activities a success. When planning your summer activities, remember the effects of alcohol or prescription drugs, and identify the risks associated with impairment while participating in various activities. Always remember to make responsible decisions while enjoying your summer activities. Summer holiday celebrations often include barbeques, picnics, water sports, vacationing



with family and friends, and fireworks. However, many holiday weekends can be filled with tragedy instead of celebration. The Fourth of July is one of the deadliest holidays of the year when it comes to alcohol-impaired driving crashes on our highways. According to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, during July 4th, holidays over the last five years (from 2010 to 2014), 780 people lost their lives in crashes involving drivers who had BACs of at least .08 g/dL. This summer, don't let your celebrations end in an arrest or tragedy. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk injuring yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be significant and not the way you want to celebrate your summer.

Education/Training Review



Army Continuing Education System (ACES) is the Army's method for delivering educational opportunities to Soldiers that remediate, develop, and enhance skills needed for present and future jobs. The Army Continuing Education Division (ACED) promotes lifelong learning, readiness and resilience through flexible and relevant education programs, services and systems in support of the Total Army Family. The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, west end of the building. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: 309-782-2065 Fax: 309-782-7901. Please visit our website to learn more:
<https://home.army.mil/ria/index.php/my-fort/all-services/continuing-education-services>

Deadline to Transfer GI Bill Benefits Coming This July

Soldiers with over 16 years of service who want to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill to a dependent must do so before July 12, or risk losing the ability to transfer education benefits. Last year, the Department of Defense implemented a new Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Education Benefits, or TEB, eligibility requirement, which instituted a "six- to 16-year cutoff rule," said Master Sgt. Gerardo T. Godinez, senior Army retention operations NCO with Army G-1. Further, Soldiers who want to transfer their education entitlement must have at least six years of service, he said. All Soldiers must commit to an additional four years of service to transfer their GI Bill. However, Soldiers who are currently going through the medical evaluation board process cannot transfer GI Bill benefits until they are found fit for duty under the new DOD policy. (More: www.army.mil/article/220194)

SFL-TAP, Career, Entrepreneurship, Higher Education Tracks, Pre-Retirement

If Soldiers in your organization are within 24 months of retirement or 18 months of separation, or even just thinking about life after military service, please encourage them to sign-up and attend this vital training. Space is still available, it is open to all branches of service, Retirees (space available), veterans (180 days after separation). Soldiers can bring along their family members as well. Please spread the word, this is not a one-time check the block, transitioning members should start early as this will give more time to attend training as often as it is needed.

- Pre-Retirement Briefing, **Aug. 9** and **Oct. 25**
- SFL-TAP Workshop, **Aug. 12-16** and **Oct. 28-Nov. 1**
- Entrepreneurship (Boots to Business), **Aug. 26-27**, and **Nov. 4-5**
- Career Exploration Planning, **Aug. 28-29**, and **Nov. 6-7**

All classes will be held Bldg. 56, 1st floor, classroom 2 (Room 122), 8 a.m. start time, classrooms (same hallway as the Education Center). For more information contact 309-782-7780 or email usarmy.ria.usag.mbx.hrm-tsm@mail.mil.

Transfer of Post 9/11 GI Bill Education Benefits, DODI 1314.13 Change 1

The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) released a change to the Transfer of Post 9/11 GI Bill Education Benefits (TEB) instructions, implementing new eligibility requirements in order to transfer benefits to qualifying dependents. There is no change to current provisions. Service members must have at least six years of qualifying service to apply to transfer benefits and must make a four-year commitment in the Armed Forces. However, effective **July 12**, eligibility to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits will be limited to service members with at least six years, but not more than 16 years, of total creditable service. The intent of the changes is to align policy with 38 USC 3319, "to promote recruitment and retention in the uniformed services."

Defense Commissary Agency / Exchange



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Rock Island Arsenal Commissary Healthy Pet Sale and Pet Show

Have you heard of "Bark in the Park"? Well, we are featuring "Bark at the Commissary." It is fun filled for you and your frisky pets, featuring prizes like a Samsung 32" television and a FitBark, and lots of giveaways, and great buys on everything that you need for your pet. Bring your pets and be prepared to show them off on **Saturday, June 29**, as we feature our 2nd Annual Healthy Pet, Pet Show. Much fun will be had by all. We love to hear all your stories about your pets and their frolicky antics. The time of the event is 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Celebrate Fourth of July by Sending Exchange Gift Cards to Warfighters

Members of the public can show support for service members and their families this Fourth of July by sending gift cards from the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's website, ShopMyExchange.com. The Exchange offers two types of gift cards. E-gift cards may be redeemed

online only at ShopMyExchange.com. Physical gift cards can be used at any Army, Air Force, Navy or Marine Corps exchange, including contingency locations in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as at ShopMyExchange.com, MyNavyExchange.com, and ShopCGX.com. Military shoppers may use the gift cards to purchase snacks, electronics, books, clothing and more. “Anyone—including civilians—can give an Exchange gift card to the service members, retirees and Veterans in their lives as a gesture of appreciation,” said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Luis Reyes, the Exchange’s senior enlisted advisor. “Exchange gift cards are an affordable and easy way to thank Warfighters who sacrifice every day to protect our freedoms.” Veterans who have signed up for their lifelong Exchange online benefit can also use gift cards to shop the online exchanges. Veterans can verify their eligibility at ShopMyExchange.com/Vets. Civilians can purchase gift cards ranging from \$10 to \$500 addressed to a specific Soldier, Airman, Sailor, Marine, retiree or Veteran by visiting ShopMyExchange.com and clicking “Purchase Gift Cards” at the bottom of the page. Authorized shoppers can also purchase gift cards through their ShopMyExchange.com accounts.

The RIA Commissary Open Independence Day

The RIA Commissary will be open on **Thursday, July 4**, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

PCS’ing? Exchange Offers Resources for Soldiers and Airmen on the Move

Making a Permanent Change of Station is a rite of passage for military families—and the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is here to help. The Exchange’s PCS Headquarters offers a one-stop solution for Soldiers, Airmen and their families at ShopMyExchange.com. The Department of Defense’s largest retailer provides checklists, moving supplies and links to information about entitlements, benefits, education and more. Military shoppers can enjoy free shipping, rewards on every purchase and more when using their MILITARY STAR® cards. “PCS’ing can be stressful and challenging for military families,” said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Luis Reyes, the Exchange’s senior enlisted advisor. “The Exchange’s online PCS Headquarters makes moving easier by giving Airmen and Soldiers a single resource for everything they need to get settled.” At the Exchange’s PCS Headquarters, service members and families can:

- Shop for all they need to set up their new homes, including packing supplies, furniture, electronics, appliances, bedding, kitchenware and more.
- Find information on setting up TV, phone and internet service.
- Find car rental offices closest to them.
- Receive up to 10% off on PODS storage.

MILITARY STAR Shoppers Have Chance at \$25,000 in Prizes in Unilever Giveaway

MILITARY STAR® and Unilever are making this summer even brighter for 50 military shoppers with \$25,000 in giveaways. On July 15, all MILITARY STAR cardholders will automatically be entered into a drawing. Fifty winners selected at random will receive \$500 MILITARY STAR statement credits. “It’s always an honor to give back to service members and families who give so much to this country,” said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Luis Reyes, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service’s senior enlisted advisor. “MILITARY STAR supports our troops not only with everyday savings and discounts but also with great giveaways like this.” Shoppers can apply for a MILITARY STAR card at any exchange store or online at MyECP.com any time prior to July 15 and, upon account approval, be entered into the giveaway. Winners will be announced on or about Aug. 15. No purchase necessary to win. For complete rules, visit MyECP.com/CustomerAds/Page/Exchange.com. (More: www.dvidshub.net/news/327910/military-star-shoppers-have-chance-25000-prizes-unilever-giveaway)

Exchange Celebrates Healthy Choices in Military Communities with Summer Festivals

The military community is invited to have fun and BE FIT at the Army & Air Force Exchange's Healthy Lifestyle Festivals. The Exchange is teaming up with the Defense Commissary Agency to highlight all the better-for-you options available on installations. (More:

www.dvidshub.net/news/322238/exchange-celebrates-healthy-choices-military-communities-with-summer-festivals



Arsenal Archive



Information for the Arsenal Archive is made available by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Closed Sundays and Mondays, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. (website: www.arsenalhistoricalsociety.org/museum) (Facebook: www.facebook.com/RIAMuseum)

Brown Bag Lunch & Learn - Camp McClellan, 1861-1865

Come to the Rock Island Arsenal Museum on **Monday, July 1**, 12 p.m., and discover the Civil War history of Davenport. Camp McClellan was established in 1861 to train troops for the Civil War. Located between East Davenport and downtown Davenport, more than 40,000 Iowa Soldiers were trained at Camp McClellan. The site was also the location of Camp Reynolds where captured Native Americans were held during the Civil War.

Women and World War I

Rock Island Arsenal Museum Director Patrick Allie will lead a discussion on **Saturday, July 13**, 2-3 p.m., at the Rock Island Arsenal Museum, about the experiences of women during WWI, the impact the war had on their lives, and how the war marked a turning point for women in the 20th century. Special focus will be given to the women that came to work at Rock Island Arsenal during the war and the many firsts they marked.

Brown Bag Lunch & Learn - History of Joint Munitions Command

Bring your lunch to the Rock Island Arsenal Museum and discover the history of Joint Munitions Command on **Monday, Aug. 5**, at noon to 1 p.m. This discussion will explore the history of Joint Munitions Command, and its mission to supply ammunition to all Services. The management of ammunition has changed significantly over the past 75+ years as they strive to provide lethality that wins to the Joint Warfighter.

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – June 26-July 2

On June 26, 1882, stone construction on Shop E (Bldg. 106) began. At the end of June 1876, RIA workers had completed a mission of cleaning, repairing, and packing 3,700 rifles at a cost of \$4,140.16. Of this sum \$427.32 was for tools and fixtures, making the cost per rifle about \$1.12. In June 1903, the RIA Commanding Officer was directed to expedite final preparations of Armory Row at RIA and to manufacture Springfield 1903 rifles at a rate of 125 daily. Construction of Shop

K (Bldg. 68) was completed by the close of June 1882. In July 1916, employment at the RIA numbered 2,226 and reached a maximum WWI figure of 13,263 employees in July 1918.

Healthbeat

Mail-In Colon Cancer Screening May End Colonoscopy for Most

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States and medical officials said early detection greatly increases survivability. “Colon cancer, also known as colorectal cancer, is more prominent as you get older, particularly in people age 50 to 75 years old, even up to 85,” said Army Col. Troy Prairie, Blanchfield Army Community Hospital’s chief of primary care. “Unfortunately a lot of people do not get screened for colon cancer. In the United States, many people never have any form of colon cancer screening, but if you catch it early you have a great survival rate.” Colonoscopy, a procedure performed in the hospital under sedation, is the most accurate screening method for colon cancer. However, there is a new, noninvasive screening method for colon cancer that beneficiaries can do at home. “Our newest test that we’re offering our beneficiaries is an at home stool DNA test. It is very good at finding cancer, and even better at ruling out cancer when it is not there. If you have a negative test, then we’re very confident that you do not have colon cancer,” said Prairie. Test results from the DNA screening method are good for three years. (More:

<https://health.mil/News/Articles/2019/06/19/Mail-in-colon-cancer-screening-may-end-colonoscopy-for-most>)

Notes for Veterans

VA To Reduce Rates for Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance

On July 1, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will reduce Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance (SGLI) monthly premium rates from 7 cents per \$1,000 to 6 cents per \$1,000 of insurance, along with Family SGLI Program (FSGLI) premium rates for spousal coverage at all age brackets. SGLI is a program that provides low-cost term life insurance coverage to eligible service members, while FSGLI provides group term life insurance coverage to the spouses and dependent children of service members insured under SGLI. “VA continues to place the interests of service members and their families first by keeping SGLI premiums as low as possible, while ensuring funds are available to pay claims to beneficiaries,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “This is just another example of VA’s efforts to provide improved services to Veterans.” The SGLI premium decrease impacts 2.1 million active duty service members, Reservist and National Guard members, while the FSGLI premium decrease impacts nearly 1 million of those members who have coverage for their spouses. This will mean a decrease of \$4.00 a month in premiums for a service member with the maximum \$400,000 of SGLI coverage. Service members with spouses covered under FSGLI will see an additional average monthly premium decrease ranging from 10 to 32% depending on the age and the amount of coverage for the spouse. (More:

www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5275)

VA's Veterans Crisis Line Setting Gold Standard in Call-Response Rate

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' recent release of the 2018 data for the Veterans Crisis Line (VCL) confirms the call center continues to outpace last year's metrics by providing faster, more effective assistance to Veterans and their loved ones. VCL's fiscal year 2018 performance metrics show that since 2017, the number of calls routed to contingency crisis call centers decreased from 44,263 to 1,056, and the average speed to answer calls decreased from 8.44 seconds to 7.23 seconds. "The VCL is there for you if you are in crisis, or if you know someone who you think may be going through a difficult time," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "VCL provides quick access to trained, caring and qualified responders able to help service members and Veterans through a crisis and link them to local VA suicide prevention coordinators for more support." VCL connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with highly trained VA responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat or text. It is now the largest crisis call center in the world and a recognized leader in call-center intervention services. VCL currently answers nearly one-third of all calls placed to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which last year received over 2 million calls. (More: www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5276)

Around the Q.C.



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June 28-29: Tackle MS (Multiple Sclerosis) with Alex Tanney Charity Event (Monmouth, Illinois) More: www.tacklemswithalextanney.com

June 29-30: Quad City Airshow (Davenport Airport) More: www.quadcityairshow.com

July 3: Red, White and Boom! (Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, and Davenport) More: www.redwhiteandboomqc.org

July 4: Firecracker Run & Parade (East Moline) More: www.emmainstreet.com

July 4: Bettendorf Old-Fashioned 4th of July (downtown Bettendorf) More: www.bettendorf.org

July 5-6: Mississippi Valley Blues Festival (East Moline) More: www.mvbs.org

July 8-14: John Deere Classic PGA Tour (TPC Deere Run golf course in Silvis) More: www.johndeereclassic.com

July 8-14: Mercer County Fair (fairgrounds in Aledo) More: www.mercercountyfair.org

July 10: YouthFest 2019 (Fejervary Park, Davenport) More: www.facebook.com/events/366838400572465

July 11-13: Walcott Truckers Jamboree (Iowa 80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa) More: www.truckersjamboree.com

July 13: Rivers Edge Home Brew Festiv-Ale (downtown Rock Island) More: www.downtownrockisland.org

July 16-20: Rock Island County Fair (fairgrounds in East Moline) More: www.rockislandfair.org

July 19: Thank the SEALs Welcomes Kris "Tanto: Paronto (Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf) More: www.facebook.com/events/544617385988633

July 19: Hamilton Tech celebrating 50th anniversary (1011 E 53rd St, Davenport) More: <http://hamiltontechcollege.edu>

July 20: Thank the SEALs "The Ride!" (Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf) More: www.facebook.com/events/2693185040710225

July 21: Kids Ninja Adventure Run (Case Creek Obstacles, Coal Valley, Illinois) More: www.casecreekobstacles.com

July 21: Case Creek Cross Country Trail Run (Case Creek, Coal Valley, Iowa) More: www.casecreekobstacles.com

July 19-20: Quad Cities Veterans Experience Action Center (St. Ambrose University's Wellness and Rec Center) More: www.sau.edu/events

July 26-27: 48th Annual Street Fest (Downtown Davenport) More: www.downtowndavenport.com/event/street-fest

July 27: Bix 7 Run/Walk (downtown Davenport) More: www.bix7.com

July 30-Aug. 4: Great Mississippi Valley Fair (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds) More: www.mvfair.com

Aug. 1-3: Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival (Rhythm City Casino Resort) More: www.bixsociety.org

Aug. 3: 5k Mud Obstacle Run For Everyone (Case Creek Obstacles, Coal Valley, Illinois) More: www.casecreekobstacles.com

Aug. 3: Heartland British Auto Fest (LeClaire, Iowa). More: www.qcbac.com

Aug. 8-10: Tug Fest (LeClaire, Iowa and Port Byron, Illinois) More: www.tugfest.org

August TBA: Ya Maka My Weekend (downtown Rock Island) More: www.downtownrockisland.org

Aug. 17: Floatzilla (Sunset Marina in Rock Island) More: www.floatzilla.org

Aug. 17: Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops (LeClaire Park in downtown Davenport) More: www.qcso.org

Aug. 17: Village Wine Walk (Village of East Davenport) More: www.villageofeastdavenport.com

August TBA: World Series of Drag Racing (Cordova International Raceway) More: www.racecir.com

Aug. 22-25: Alternating Currents Festival (downtown Davenport) More: www.alternatingcurrentsqc.com

Aug. 24: Vettes on the River (LeClaire, Iowa) More: www.visitleclaire.com

Aug. 24-25: Farm Days (Village of East Davenport) More: www.villageofeastdavenport.com

Aug. 31 - Sept. 1: Rock Island Grand Prix (downtown Rock Island) More: www.rockislandgrandprix.com

Sept. 7: QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show (John Deere Pavilion in Moline) More: www.visitjohndeere.com

Sept. 7-8: Beaux Arts Fair (downtown Davenport) More: www.beauxartsfair.com

Sept. 13-14: Celtic Festival & Highland Games (Centennial Park in Davenport) More: www.celtichighlandgames.org

Sept. 14: Taming of the Slough (Sylvan Slough) More: www.riveraction.org

Sept. 14: Brew Ha Ha (LeClaire Park in Davenport) More: www.jayceesqc.org

Sept. 21: Quad Cities Marathon (Moline) More: www.qcmarathon.org

Sept. 21-22: Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts (Village of East Davenport) More: www.midcoast.org

Sept. 22: Quad Cities Marathon (downtown Moline) More: www.qcmarathon.org

Sept. 27-28: Hot Air Balloon Festival (Island County Fairgrounds in East Moline) More: www.quadcitiesballoonfestival.com

Sept. 29: Nancy Kapheim Memorial Classic (Rock Island) More: www.cornbelt.org/nearby_races.htm

Oct. 13: Apple Fest (downtown LeClaire, Iowa) More: www.visitleclaire.com

October TBD: Row the Miss Regatta (Mississippi River in Moline) More: www.tworiversymca.org

Oct. 24: Fright Night (Schwiebert Park in downtown Rock Island) More: www.downtownrockisland.org

Oct. 26: Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race (Village of East Davenport) More: www.lagomarcinos.com

Oct. 26-27: Boo at the Zoo (Niabi Zoo) More: www.niabizoo.com

Oct. 26: Witches Walk & Costume Parade (downtown LeClaire, Iowa) More: www.visitleclaire.com

Oct. 26: Halloween Parades (Bettendorf and Davenport)

Nov. 16-24: Quad City Arts Festival of Trees (RiverCenter in Davenport) More: www.qcfestivaloftrees.com

Nov. 16: Festival of Trees Parade (downtown Davenport) More: www.qcfestivaloftrees.com

Nov. 16: Lighting on the John Deere Commons (downtown Moline) More: www.lightingonthecommons.com

Nov. 24: Christmas Walk (Walnut Grove Pioneer Village) More: www.scottcountyiowa.com

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